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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 47 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to application filed on May 24, 2001. Claims 1 – 47 are pending examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 – 14, 16 – 44, 46, 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ram et al U.S patent No. 6,625,258 (referred to hereafter as Ram).

As to claim 1, Ram teaches a system for delivering information from a plurality of content providers to a plurality of recipients, comprising:

a plurality of information templates, each of said plurality of information templates including information provided from one of said plurality of content providers (see col.

13 , lines 53 – 65 and col. 14 lines 20 – 30 Ram discloses a plurality of information including information about subscriber);

a priority manager for managing priority information of each of said plurality of recipients (see col.9 line 63 – col. 10 line 15 , Ram discloses the network manager interfaces with the VAS server);

a template database for storing said plurality of information templates (see col. 8 , lines 7- 21, Ram discloses the database server that stores information required to operate the system);

wherein at least one of said plurality of recipients is presented with at least one of said information templates according to said priority information of said at least one of said plurality of recipients (see col. 12 lines 31 – 55 Ram discloses ram discloses the accessing of the messages by phone) .

As to claim 2, Ram teaches the system of claim 1, wherein said at least one of said plurality of recipients subscribe to said at least one of said plurality of content providers for receiving said at least one of said information templates and for indicating subscription preferences to be associated with said at least one of information template see col. 4 lines 51 – 60, Ram discloses the receipt of many services that a subscriber can choose from).

As to claim 3, Ram teaches the system of claim 2, wherein said subscription preferences include priority preferences (see col.5 lines 6 –15 , Ram discloses the subscriber's reception of information via email).

As to claim 4, Ram teaches the system of claim 2, wherein said subscription

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preferences includes privacy preferences (see col. 12 lines 32 – 43 , Ram discloses the accessing of messages that are private).

As to claim 5, Ram teaches the system of claim 2, further comprising at least one information template sender, said at least one information template sender causing at least one of said plurality of information templates from one of said plurality of content providers to be presented to at least one of said plurality of recipients according to deliver criteria (see col. 12 , lines 44 – 67 , Ram discloses the messages delivered to subscriber via multiple media).

As to claim 6, Ram teaches the system of claim 5, wherein said delivery criteria includes a relevancy and time critical measure of said information template (see col. 14 lines 20 – 35 Ram discloses the information delivery according to time and date criteria) .

As to claim 7, Ram teaches the system of claim 5, wherein said delivery criteria includes a response priority measure of said information template (see col.8, lines 33 – 42, Ram discloses interactive voice responses provided by gateway server and media server).

As to claim 8, Ram teaches the system of claim 5, wherein said delivery criteria is received by said priority manager and is evaluated in light of said preferences of said at least one of said plurality of recipients (see col. 11, lines 32 – 41 Ram discloses the screening of calls according to different information provided about the call).

As to claim 9, Ram teaches the system of claim 5, wherein said information template sender adds additional information to said at least one of said plurality of

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templates and wherein said additional information is presented to said at least one of said plurality of recipients (see col.10, lines 48 – 59 and figs. 5A,5B, Ram discloses the subscriber may perform updates to a profile).

As to claim 10, Ram teaches the system of claim 5, wherein said information template sender adds a note to one of said plurality of information templates (see col. 12 , lines 4 – 11, ram discloses adding a party to a conference).

As to claim 11,Ram teaches the system of claim 5, further comprising a content provider interface, said content provider interface receiving said plurality of information templates from said content providers and forwarding said information templates to said template database (see col.10 lines 5 –15 and fig. 4A , Ram discloses the storage of messages in peripheral and database interface).

As to claim 12, Ram teaches the system of claim 11, wherein said content provider interface receives said subscription priority information and said delivery criteria from said content providers and forwards said subscription priority information and said delivery criteria to said priority manage (see col. 10 lines 48 – 59, Ram discloses the receiving and the forwarding of messages by a subscriber) .

As to claim 13 Ram teaches the system of claim 1, further comprising a distribution policy and wherein at least one of said plurality of recipients is presented with at least one of said information templates according to said distribution policy (see col.14 lines 20 – 29, ram discloses the recipient is reached through many set entries associated with time and date).

As to claim 14 Ram teaches the system of claim 13, wherein if one of said

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plurality of information templates does not meet said distribution policy, said one of said information templates is not presented to said at least one of said plurality of recipients (see col.5 , lines 37 – 43 and fig.1 , Ram discloses if a subscriber is not available , no notification is provided).

As to claim 16, Ram teaches the system of claim 11, wherein said content provider interface receives a request from one of said content providers to take back one of said plurality of information templates and said content provider interface deletes a reference to said one of said plurality of information templates from those of said plurality of recipients that did not view said one of said plurality of information templates (see col.16, lines 13 – 16 Ram discloses the deletion of a contact from a list of contacts).

As to claim 17, Ram teaches the system of claim 11, wherein said content provider interface causes one of said plurality of information templates to be updated with a new information template by one of said content providers (see col.14, lines 20 – 39, Ram discloses the update of reach list).

As to claim 18, Ram teaches the system of claim 17, wherein when one of said plurality of recipients forwards said one of said plurality of information templates, said one of said plurality of recipients is notified that said one of said plurality of information templates was updated with said new information template (see col.14, lines 40 – 63 ram discloses the notification upon receipt of information via multiple communication devices).

As to claim 19, Ram teaches the system of claim 11, wherein said content

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provider interface receives from at least one of said plurality of content provider multiple information templates and said content provider interface randomly selects one of said multiple information templates for storing in said template database (see col.6, lines 1 – 12 and fig. 4A, Ram discloses the storing of email and the notification of a subscriber).

As to claim 20, Ram teaches the system of claim 11, further comprising an address book accessible by said at least one information template sender for storing and retrieving contact information of said plurality of recipients (see col.12 lines 4 – 21 , Ram discloses contact information stored in subscriber's book).

As to claim 21, Ram teaches the system of claim 20, wherein said content provider interface monitors said address book for detecting undesirable activity (see col.11, lines 51 – 61 Ram discloses if the request entered is correct).

As to claim 22, Ram teaches the system of claim 21, wherein if said content provider interface detects undesirable activity, said content provider interface limits said at least one information template sender's access to said address book (see col. 11, lines 61 – col. 12 , line 3 , Ram discloses the determining the right party to a connection will be made).

As to claim 23, Ram teaches the system of claim 5, wherein said priority information includes general priority information provided by said at least one of said plurality of recipients (see col.12, lines 31 – 55, Ram discloses accessing different types of messages).

As to claim 24, Ram teaches the system of claim 23, wherein said priority information includes sent priority information provided by said at least one of said

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plurality of recipients (see col. 12, lines 54 – 65, Ram discloses sending messages from particular to a particular device of subscriber's choice).

As to claim 25, Ram teaches the system of claim 24, wherein said priority information includes sender priority information provided by said at least one of said plurality of recipients (see col.12, lines 59 – 67 , Ram discloses the reception of email).

As to claim 26, Ram teaches the system of claim 1, wherein said priority manager forms a sequence of information templates from some of said plurality of information templates based on said priority information and wherein said sequence of information templates is presented to at least one of said recipients (see col.3 lines 21 – 31 , Ram discloses personal information for a corresponding subscriber) .

As to claim 27, Ram teaches the system of claim 5, wherein said priority manager forms a sequence of information templates from some of said plurality of information templates based on said priority information and said delivery criteria and wherein said sequence of information templates is presented to at least one of said recipients (see col.14 lines 20 – 35, Ram discloses information received according to time and date criteria).

As to claim 28, Ram teaches the system of claim 25, wherein said priority manager forms a sequence of information templates from some of said plurality of information templates based on said subscriber priority information, said delivery criteria, said general priority information, said sent priority information and said sender priority information and wherein said sequence of information templates is presented to at least one of said recipients (similar to combination of claims 23, 24, 25, 27, see col.

12 lines 31 – 35; col. 12 lines 54 – 65; col. 12 lines 59 – 67 and col.14 lines 20 – 35).

As to claim 29, Ram teaches the system of claim 28, further comprising a page layout database wherein said sequence of information templates is stored in said page layout database (col.9, lines 3 – 19 , Ram discloses information is stored in database) .

As to claim 30, Ram teaches the system of claim 28, wherein said sequence of information templates includes information templates not previously viewed by said at least one of said recipients (see col.15, lines 31 – 35 , Ram discloses modifying a service without required modification or reach list).

As to claim 31, Ram teaches The system of claim 30, wherein when any of said sequence of information templates are viewed by said at least one of said recipients, said any of said sequence of information templates are displayed to said at least one of said recipients in a second sequence of information templates (see col.11, lines 42 – 46 , Ram discloses reception of a fax and a storing of a fax in an email as an attachment).

As to claim 32, Ram discloses the system of claim 31, wherein said information templates in said second sequence of information templates are displayed for a predetermined period of time (see col.15 lines 61 – 64 , Ram discloses prescheduled video conferencing) .

As to claim 33, ram teaches the system of claim 31, wherein when any of said information templates in said sequence of information templates and said second sequence of information templates is saved by said at least one of said recipients, said

saved information templates are displayed in a third sequence of information templates (see col.11 lines 42 – 50).

As to claim 34, ram teaches the system of claim 33, wherein said information templates in said third sequence of information templates are deleted from said third sequence of information templates unless said information templates in said third sequence of information templates are resaved by said at least one of said recipients (see col.16, lines 4 – 11 , Ram discloses the deletion of a group) .

As to claim 35, Ram teaches the system of claim 34, wherein said one of said plurality of content providers providing any of said information templates in said third sequence of information templates is charged a fee based on a period of time said any of said information templates is in said third sequence of information templates (see col.17 lines 27 – 43 , Ram discloses the signup of a non – subscriber group for a fee where the non – subscriber receives service).

As to claim 36, Ram teaches a method for delivering information from a plurality of content providers to a plurality of recipients, comprising the steps of:

receiving a plurality of information templates from said plurality of content providers wherein each of said plurality of information templates includes information provided from one of said plurality of content providers (see col. 13 , lines 53 – 65 and col. 14 lines 20 – 30 Ram discloses a plurality of information including information about subscriber);

managing priority information of each of said plurality of recipient (see col.9 line 63 – col. 10 line 15 , Ram discloses the network manager interfaces with the VAS server);

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storing said plurality of information templates (see col. 8 , lines 7- 21, Ram discloses the database server that stores information required to operate the system); receiving from at least one of said plurality of recipients priority information; and presenting at least one of said information templates to said at least one of said plurality of recipients according to said priority information of said at least one of said plurality of recipients (see col. 12 lines 31 – 55 Ram discloses ram discloses the accessing of the messages by phone) .

As to claim 37, Ram teaches the method of claim 36, further comprising the steps of: receiving from a information template sender at least one of said plurality of information templates and delivery criteria; and presenting to at least one of said plurality of recipients said at least one of said plurality of information templates according to said deliver criteria (see col. 14 lines 20 – 35 Ram discloses the information delivery according to time and date criteria) .

As to claim 38, Ram teaches the method of claim 37, wherein said priority information includes general priority information (see col.12, lines 31 – 55, Ram discloses accessing different types of messages).

As to claim 39, Ram teaches the method of claim 38, wherein said priority information includes sent priority information (see col. 12, lines 54 – 65, Ram discloses sending messages from particular to a particular device of subscriber's choice).

As to claim 40 Ram teaches the method of claim 39, wherein said priority information includes sender priority information (see col.12, lines 59 – 67 , Ram discloses the reception of email).

As to claim 41, Ram teaches the method of claim 40, further comprising the steps of: forming a sequence of information templates from some of said plurality of information templates based on said subscriber priority information, said delivery criteria, said general priority information, said sent priority information and said sender priority information; and presenting said sequence of information templates to at least one of said recipients (see col. 12 lines 31 – 35; col. 12 lines 54 – 65; col. 12 lines 59 – 67 and col.14 lines 20 – 35).

As to claim 42, Ram teaches the method of claim 36, further comprising the step of: receiving from at least one of said plurality of recipients subscription preferences (see col.5 lines 6 –15 , Ram discloses the subscriber's reception of information via email).

As to claim 43, Ram teaches the method of claim 36, further comprising a distribution policy and further comprising the step of: presenting at least one of said information templates to said at least one of said plurality of recipients according to said distribution policy (see col.14 lines 20 – 29, ram discloses the recipient is reached through many set entries associated with time and date).

As to claim 44 Ram teaches the method 43, wherein if one of said plurality of information templates does not meet said distribution policy, said one of said information templates is not presented to said at least one of said plurality of recipients (see col.5 , lines 37 – 43 and fig.1 , Ram discloses if a subscriber is not available , no notification is provided).

As to claim 46, Ram teaches the method of claim 36, further comprising the step of :

updating one of said plurality of information templates with a new information template provided by one of said content providers (see col.14, lines 20 – 39, Ram discloses the update of reach list).

As to claim 47, Ram teaches the system of claim 46, further comprising the steps of: receiving a request from one of said plurality of recipients to forward said one of said plurality of information templates, and notifying said one of said plurality of recipients that said one of said plurality of information templates was updated with said new information template (see col.14, lines 40 – 63 ram discloses the notification upon receipt of information via multiple communication devices).

Claims 15 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ram et al U.S patent No. 6,625,258 in view of Durst, Jr .et al. U.S patent No. 6,542,933 (referred to hereafter as Durst).

As to claims, 15 and 45 Ram teaches a system and method for delivering information from a plurality of content providers to a plurality of recipients, comprising:

a plurality of information templates, each of said plurality of information templates including information provided from one of said plurality of content providers ;

a priority manager for managing priority information of each of said plurality of recipients ;

a template database for storing said plurality of information templates;

wherein at least one of said plurality of recipients is presented with at least one of said information templates according to said priority information of said at least one of said plurality of recipients.

Ram does not explicitly teach the limitation "The system and method further comprising a language preference and wherein at least one of said plurality of recipients is presented with at least one of said information templates according to said language preference". However Durst teaches a method comprising a language preference of the recipient. It would have been obvious for one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Ram by including the language preference of the recipient because doing so would appeal to a broader customer base .

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sargon N Nano whose telephone number is (703) 305-4651. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday from 8:30 – 5:30

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (703) 308- 7562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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